

WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Council for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia held a Regular Business Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Virginia, with Mayor Short presiding and calling the meeting to order:

- PRESENT:**
- Council Members: Terry Short, Jr., Mayor
Bobby Henderson, Vice Mayor
Bruce Allen, Councilman
Elzena Anderson, Councilwoman
Sam Hostetter, Councilman
 - City Staff: Mike Hamp, City Manager
Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager
Julia Bortle, Clerk of Council
Cameron McCormick, Finance Director
Luke Juday, Planning Director
Michael Wilhelm, Police Chief
Zahir Mahmoud, Library Director
Stephanie Beverage, City Treasurer
Sabrina von Schilling, Commissioner of the Revenue
 - Guests: Ms. Kaitlyn Hall, Student at Kate Collins Middle School
Ms. Janet Areson, Virginia Municipal League
 - Outside Counsel: Melisa Michelsen, Esq., Litten & Sipe LLC
- ABSENT:** None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Mayor Short opened the meeting Councilman Allen lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Henderson moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Having been seconded, the consent agenda was adopted 5-0:

Mayor Short	Aye	Councilwoman Anderson	Aye
Vice Mayor Henderson	Aye	Councilman Hostetter	Aye
Councilman Allen	Aye		

- a) Council Meeting Minutes: Consider adopting the April 17, 2019 Budget Work Session minutes and the April 22, 2019 Council Meeting minutes and dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b) City Code Amendment – Concealed Handgun Permit Fingerprinting. (2019-35)

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- c) Fall Foliage Festival Application: Consider approving an application from the Shenandoah Valley Art Center to allow the closure of certain streets and the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on city property on Saturday, October 12 (from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, October 13, 2019 (from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) during the Fall Foliage Art Show.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Hostetter welcomed Scout Troup 273 to the meeting, attending as part of their citizenship in the community merit badge. He also thanked the citizens who attended his monthly meeting on Tuesday, talking about the budget and other items of importance to them.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO VML “IF I WERE A MAYOR” CONTEST WINNER:

The Mayor and Ms. Areson presented a plaque and check to Kate Collins Middle School student Kaitlyn Hull, Region 3 winner in the Virginia Municipal League’s “If I Were A Mayor” essay contest.

PROCLAMATION – POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY:

The Mayor read a proclamation and presented it to the Police Chief observing May 12-18, 2019 as National Police Week and Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Waynesboro, Virginia:

PROCLAMATION (P19-06)

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement for the City of Waynesboro, Virginia work tirelessly to protect and serve citizens across the City, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods, schools, and families safe; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, that the police officers report for duty aware of the sacrifices they may be called upon to make and risk their lives each and every day in order to safeguard the public; and

WHEREAS, the police department of Waynesboro, Virginia has developed into a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry R. Short, Jr., Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of Waynesboro, call upon all citizens of Waynesboro and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to reflect upon the selfless dedication and bravery of our local, state, and other public sector police, as our safety and well-being is promoted by their devotion to maintaining peace and security in our communities;

I FURTHER call upon all citizens to observe the week of May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week, asking all citizens to join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, and

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as Peace Officer Memorial Day dedicated to those who lost their lives in the performance of their duties.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I here unto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Waynesboro to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2019.

PRESENTATION – CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET:

As a prelude to the upcoming budget public hearings, the City Manager made a presentation reviewing the City Manager’s Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget. The FY20 budget moves away from a focus of affordability and focuses on the Comprehensive Plan, capital improvements and mandated projects.

PUBLIC HEARING - TAXES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019:

A public hearing was held to receive public comments regarding the proposed ordinance imposing taxes for the calendar year 2019 on property and persons, for the payment of interest on the City debt, for the support of City government, for the maintenance of the public schools, and for other expenses providing for the assessment of persons and property, for the collection of taxes, revenues, assessments and imposing penalties for the failure to comply with the provisions hereof.

The public hearing was opened at 7:57 p.m.:

Brett Hayes, Owner of Zeus Theater: favored the tax increase. Asked City Council to eliminate the two-year delay in allocating the 42% to the school division.

Jeff Elkins, 700 Second Street: suggested the City look at property value instead of a set percentage for assessment. The city should consider reimbursement through insurance companies for the use of its resources. He asked the City to produce a P&L statement that shows where stormwater funds have been used.

Harry Colman, 105 Tiffany Drive: supports the \$.90 real estate tax rate.

Alfred Swicegood, 228 Stonewall Drive: is opposed to the \$.90 tax rate.

Bill Krzastek, 1321 Hollins Road: asked for a response from Council to his previous questions and further information on the comparable cities to Waynesboro in the 34 out of 38 rating.

Tyisha Scott, 348 Port Republic Road: would like to see treatment facilities in Waynesboro, improved City transportation, and more readily available affordable housing.

James Wiley, 925 Washington Avenue: supports higher taxes to support the police, fire, and better schools and making Waynesboro better.

C.R. Barrett, 401 Ridge Circle: opposes raising taxes and fees.

Ken Adams, 712 Pelham Drive: opposes the tax increase.

Chandra McGuffin, 644 Edwardian Lane: supports the higher tax rate, but asked Council to consider the marginalized citizens.

Sara Christopherson, 1118 Fairway Drive: supports the proposed tax, but she suggested the tax bills be broken into two payment, making it easier to pay.

Kristi Williams, 400 Pelham Drive: supports the tax increase.

Lowell Lemons, 305 Pelham Drive: supports the tax increase.

